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EOIR Announces New Deputy Director

The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) today announced the appointment of Ana M. Kocur as the agency's Deputy Director, effective December 16, 2012. Ms. Kocur, a career EOIR employee, has served as the agency's Chief of Staff since September 2011.

"Ana has dedicated her career to EOIR and has always risen to the calls to service that have come her way," said Director Juan P. Osuna. "From evaluating nuanced points of law and managing complex operations as a senior manager for the Board of Immigration Appeals and as the acting Chief Administrative Hearing Officer, to helping to manage the agency's operations as the Chief of Staff, she has contributed her considerable talents to make EOIR a better place for staff and stakeholders alike."

In her new capacity as Deputy Director, Ms. Kocur will directly supervise the agency's senior staff and will be responsible for formulating and administering mission-focused policies, agency-wide programs, and both long- and short-term goals and strategies.

Ms. Kocur received a bachelor of arts degree in 1993 from Pennsylvania State University and a juris doctorate in 1996 from the American University Washington College of Law. From September 2011 to December 2012, she served as EOIR Chief of Staff. From March 2011 to September 2011, Ms. Kocur served as acting chief administrative hearing officer and counsel to the director at EOIR. From March 2006 to March 2011, she served as a senior panel attorney and team leader at the Board of Immigration Appeals. From 1996 to 2006, Ms. Kocur served as an attorney-advisor at the BIA, entering on duty through the Attorney General's Honors Program. In 2003, she served on detail with the Office of Immigration Litigation, Civil Division, Department of Justice. Ms. Kocur is a member of the Virginia State Bar.

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The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) is an agency within the Department of Justice. Under delegated authority from the Attorney General, immigration judges and the Board of Immigration Appeals interpret and adjudicate immigration cases according to United States immigration laws. EOIR's immigration judges conduct administrative court proceedings in immigration courts located throughout the nation. They determine whether foreign-born individuals — whom the Department of Homeland Security charges with violating immigration law — should be ordered removed from the United States or should be granted relief from removal and be permitted to remain in this country. The Board of Immigration Appeals primarily reviews appeals of decisions by immigration judges. EOIR's Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer adjudicates immigration-related employment cases. EOIR is committed to ensuring fairness in all of the cases it adjudicates.